

**LITTLE COTTONWOOD CREEK DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL WATER USERS MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 2008
Murray City Power Plant--153 West 4800 South**

PRESENT:

IRRIGATORS GROUP:

- Walt White, Walker Ditch Company
- Ron Vance, South Despain Ditch Company
- Max Reese, Tanner Ditch Company
- Mike Black, Little Cottonwood Tanner Ditch Company

MUNICIPAL GROUP:

- Mike Wilson, MWDSLS, representing Sandy City
- Dallin Ewell, MWDSLS
- Peggy Garcia, SLC Public Utilities, representing Cahoon-Maxfield Irrigation
- David Maiorano, SLC Public Utilities

OTHER IN ATTENDANCE:

- Tim O'Hara, Creek Commissioner
- Lee Sim, Division of Water Rights
- Ben Anderson, Division of Water Rights
- John Mann, Division of Water Rights
- Rod Sorensen, Sandy City
- Glen Lundberg, Murray City Power
- Jim Wilson, LCCC Secretary
- Lloyd Jones, Brown Ditch Co.
- Bob Despain, North Despain Ditch & North Despain Extension
- Susan Despain, North Despain Ditch & North Despain Extension
- Jim Williams, Cottonwood Hydro / Whitmore
- Bill Moore, Union & East Jordan Irrigation Co.
- Michael Wilson, Cahoon & Maxfield / Salt Lake City

Mike Black called the Annual Meeting to order at 4:10 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Those in attendance were asked to state their name and affiliation. The Agenda for the Annual Meeting was distributed by Lee Sim. Lee advised the group that this meeting would be recorded due to the new state requirement that public meetings be recorded.

Mike Black read the minutes from the prior year Annual Water Users Meeting held January 18, 2007. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ron Vance and seconded by Peggy Garcia. This motion carried.

The Creek Commissioner's Report was presented by Tim O'Hara and Max Reese. Tim distributed copies of the Little Cottonwood Creek Annual Report for the 2007 Irrigation Season as prepared by Tim O'Hara and Max Reese. Highlights from the report were discussed. Tim advised that the 2007 season was generally good and quiet with few problems. Max Reese noted that the maximum creek flow peaked at 272 cfs on May 20, 2007. Some problems still need resolution with regard to measuring devices and recording accuracy. There continues to be some discrepancy between the spot measurements and those from the installed measurement devices. Mike Wilson noted that the new

measurement devices installed by Metropolitan are being continuously monitored and improved. Overall, there was adequate water for the irrigation season since Deer Creek was lowered. The current weather and snow pack conditions at this point in 2008 appear to be leading toward an average year for water in the Little Cottonwood Creek System. Tim stressed the need to a current list of contacts along the system in the event that issues needed to be discussed. Rod Sorensen made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report. This motion was seconded by Susan Despain. The motion carried.

Lee Sim updated the group on the State's effort to deal with violations along the distribution system. The State process for dealing with violations will protect the identity of informants who provide information to the State.

Lee Sim distributed a copy of the Little Cottonwood Creek Distribution System Trust Fund 2007 Financial Statement for review and discussion. The Beginning Balance on January 1, 2007 was \$8,072.91. Receipts and expenditures during 2007 amounted to \$17,116.30 and \$16,223.82 respectively. The Ending Balance 12/31/2007 was \$8,965.39. One delinquent water assessment for Walker Ditch in the amount of \$111.44 was listed. Peggy Garcia noted that she has not been receiving the billing assessment in order to process payment. Corrective action was noted and this item will be cleared.

The next item of business was discussion on the proposed budget for the 2008 season. The following recommendations were proposed by the Committee, subject to approval at the Annual Meeting:

- A 4% increase in Salary with resulting changes to Social Security.
- Travel expense increased to \$550. based on \$0.505 cents per mile.
- Secretary expense remained at \$400.
- Office Expense was increased to \$150. for the cost of document printing.
- Telephone expense was increased to \$500.
- Miscellaneous expense was lowered to \$250.
- State Engineer Assessment was increased to \$1,134.

The following proposed budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting for motion and approval.

• Tim O'Hara:		
o Salary	\$	6,687
o Social Security	\$	511
o Insurance	\$	70
o Travel Expense	\$	550
• Max Reese:		
o Salary	\$	6,687
o Social Security	\$	511
o Insurance	\$	70
o Travel Expense	\$	550
• Secretary Expense	\$	400
• Office Expense	\$	150
• Telephone Expense	\$	500
• Miscellaneous Expense	\$	250
• State Engineer Assessment	\$	1,134
• Total Proposed 2008 Budget	\$	18,070

It was recommended that the 2008 Assessment be \$16,500. Mike Wilson made a motion to accept the 2007 Financial Report, the proposed 2008 Budget and the Assessment for the 2008 season. This motion was seconded by Ron Vance. The motion carried.

Mike Black opened discussions regarding the assignment of new officers for the 2008 season. It was recommended that Mike Black act as Chairman and Rod Sorensen as Vice Chairman for the 2008 season. Mike Wilson made a motion to accept these recommended assignments. This motion was seconded by Peggy Garcia. The motion carried.

Glen Lundberg reported on the repairs to the Sandy siphon/shut off system. The repairs are complete and reseeded will be done in the spring.

Jim Williams with the Cottonwood Hydro Co raised a question to the group regarding the diversion of water from the lower channel back into the main upper channel. He was advised to contact John Mann at the State regarding this matter.

Lee Sim discussed Administrative Rule 655-15 regarding the establishment of rules governing water distribution systems, water commissioners, water measurement and reporting. Pursuant to authority delegated to the State Engineer, this rule established procedures governing the creation, organization and operation of water Distribution Systems administered by the State Engineer, including the appointment, responsibilities and authority of Water Commissioners to assist in the administration of Distribution Systems. These guidelines address the hiring, replacement and training of Distribution System Commissioner's. A more formal hiring and training process was considered necessary to avoid unplanned interruptions to the overall water distribution process.

There was no other new business to be discussed at this time.

The next Annual Meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

The motion to adjourn was made by Peggy Garcia and seconded by Mike Wilson. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.